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Stockbridge
Hants

To

The Chairman & Guardians of
Stockbridge Union

Gentlemen

I beg hereunto to hand you my annual Report on the Sanitary condition of the District for the year 1903, together with Vital Statistics of the whole District during 1903 & previous years. The General Health, notwithstanding the variable & ungenial weather, has been exceptionally good - for, although in the early part of the year, there was a heavy outbreak of measles at Stockbridge & Leckford, there was, with this exception, no actual epidemic of any disease. Only two cases of Scarlet fever were notified - one at Wallop & one at East Tytherley - in neither case did the disease spread -

There were seven cases of Diphtheria at varying periods of the year - Two in a van at Kingsteignton one at Whitehall, three at Stockbridge, & 1 at Houghton, here too, the disease was successfully confined to the houses in which it originated. In all cases, disinfectants were supplied as required, and disinfection of the houses was carried out under the direction of the Sanitary Inspector -

128 berths were registered during the year giving an average of 18.69 per thousand of the estimated population

Only 72 deaths were returned for the entire District giving an average of 10.5 per 1000 of estimated population - This is by far the

lowest death rate recorded during the last 10 years - The next lowest having been that of 1897 - The average for the 10 years from 1893 to 1902 was 14.1 per 1000

The Infant mortality for the year has been also exceedingly low -

The deaths were as follows -

Whooping cough 1, Diphtheria 2, Phthisis 6
other Tubercular diseases 2 - Cancer 4 -
Bronchitis 9 - Pneumonia 2 - Tramature with 6
Heart disease 9 - accidents 2 - Suicides 1 - &
all other causes 28 -

During the year I have made house to house visitation in different parts of the District both alone & in the company of the Sanitary Inspector - with the result - that Impure water supply has been rectified at - Houghton -
Kingstombe - Stockbridge & Wallop
Over crowding dealt with at Longstock - Houghton & Stockbridge - & insufficient out door accommodation for sanitary purposes at five houses at Leckford & one at Longstock put on proper footing.
Dairies & Bakeries in the District have been frequently visited -

The water supply throughout the whole District was on the whole satisfactory, & there was no deficiency anywhere -

I am gentlemen

Yours faithfully.

Walter K. Lovell

Med. off. Health
Stockbridge -

TABLE I.

Vital Statistics of Whole District during 1903 and previous Years.

Name of District Stockbridge

YEAR. 1	Population estimated to Middle of each Year. 2	BIRTHS.		TOTAL DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE DISTRICT.				TOTAL DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITU- TIONS IN THE DISTRICT. 9	Deaths of Non- residents registered in Public Institu- tions in the District. 10	Deaths of Residents registered in Public Institu- tions beyond the District. 11	NETT DEATHS AT ALL AGES BELONGING TO THE DISTRICT.				
				Under 1 Year of Age.		At all Ages.									
		Number. 3	Rate.* 4	Number. 5	Rate per 1,000 Births registered. 6	Number. 7	Rate.* 8				Number. 12	Rate.* 13			
1893.	6644	186	28.2	16	2.42	98	14.5	9			98	14.5			
1894.	6962	190	25.8	16	2.42	84	12.92	6			84	12.92			
1895.	6848	143	21.9	15	2.27	94	13.2	11			94	13.2			
1896.	6894	156	23.4	11	1.66	89	13.1	11			89	13.1			
1897.	6968	199	27.15	10	1.57	76	11.5	6			76	11.5			
1898.	7066	143	21.9	20	3.03	96	14.2	9			96	14.2			
1899.	7113	135	24.4	8	1.21	86	13.1	11			86	13.1			
1900.	7162	154	23.3	9	1.36	82	12.42	5			82	12.42			
1901.	6130	138	22.34	18	2.76	102	16.62	11			102	16.62			
1902.	6198	144	20.4	7	1.16	96	15.8	7			96	15.8			
Averages for years 1893-1902.	6789	154.9	23.4	13	1.92	90.4	14.1	8.6			90.4	14.1			
1903.	6845	128	18.69	10	1.57	72	10.5	4			72	10.5			

* Rates in Columns 4, 8, and 13 calculated per 1,000 of estimated population.

NOTE.—The deaths to be included in Column 7 of this table are the whole of those registered during the year as having actually occurred within the district or division. The deaths to be included in Column 12 are the number in Column 7, corrected by the subtraction of the number in Column 10 and the addition of the number in Column 11.

By the term "Non-residents" is meant persons brought into the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and dying in public institutions there; and by the term "Residents" is meant persons who have been taken out of the district on account of sickness or infirmity, and have died in public institutions elsewhere.

The "Public institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables are those into which persons are habitually received on account of sickness or infirmity, such as hospitals, workhouses and lunatic asylums. A list of the Institutions in respect of the deaths in which corrections have been made should be given on the back of this Table.

Total population at all ages 6130Number of inhabited houses 1532Average number of persons per house 4.1At Census of
1901.

I.	II.	III.
Institutions within the District receiving sick and infirm persons from outside the District.	Institutions outside the District receiving sick and infirm persons from the District.	Other Institutions, the deaths in which have been distributed among the several localities in the District.

Is the Union Workhouse within the District? _____

Vital Statistics of separate Localities in 1903 and previous years.

Name of District Stockbridge

NOTES.—(a) The separate localities adopted for this table should be areas of which the populations are obtainable from the census returns, such as wards, parishes or groups of parishes, or registration sub-districts. Block 1 may, if desired, be used for the whole district: and blocks 2, 3, &c., for the several localities. In small districts without recognised divisions of known population this Table

Deaths of residents occurring in public institutions beyond the district are to be included in sub-columns *c* of this table, and those of non-residents registered in public institutions not be held up.

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TABLE III.

Cases of Infectious Disease notified during the Year 1903.

Name of District *Stockbridge*

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.	CASES NOTIFIED IN WHOLE DISTRICT.							TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED IN EACH LOCALITY.							NO. OF CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL FROM EACH LOCALITY.	
	At Ages†—Years.							1								
	At all Ages.	Under 1.	1 to 5.	5 to 15.	15 to 25.	25 to 65.	65 and upwards.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Small-pox														
Cholera														
Diphtheria														
Membranous croup	...															
Erysipelas														
Scarlet fever														
Typhus fever														
Enteric fever														
Relapsing fever	...															
Continued fever	...															
Puerperal fever	...															
Plague														
Totals													9	

NOTES.—The localities adopted for this table should be the same as those in Tables II. and IV.
State in space below the name of the isolation hospital, if any, to which residents in the district, suffering from infectious disease, are usually sent. Mark (H) the locality in which it is situated, or if not within the district, state where it is situated, and in what district. Mark (W) the locality in which a workhouse is situated.

* This space may be used for record of other disease (compulsory or voluntary) of which is in force in the district.

† These age columns for notifications should be filled up in all cases where the Medical Officer of Health, by inquiry or otherwise, has obtained the necessary information.



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TABLE IV.

Causes of, and Ages at, Death during Year 1903.

Name of District Stockbridge

(See Notes at Back.)

CAUSES OF DEATH.	DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.								DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO LOCALITIES (AT ALL AGES).							TOTAL DEATHS IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS IN THE DISTRICT.
	All ages.	Under 1 year.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25	25 and under 65	65 and upwards.	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
Small-pox ...																
Measles ...																
Scarlet fever ...																
Whooping-cough ...	1	1														
Diphtheria and membranous croup ...	2					1	1									
Croup ...																
Fever	Typhus Enteric Other continued															
Epidemic influenza ...																
Cholera ...																
Plague ...																
Diarrhoea. (See notes at back.)																
Enteritis. (See notes at back.)																
Puerperal fever. (See notes at back.)																
Erysipelas ...																
Other septic diseases...																
Phthisis, (See notes at back.)	6		1	2	3											
Other tubercular diseases.	2		2													
Cancer, malignant disease. (See notes at back.)	4															
Bronchitis ...	9	3	1			2	3									
Pneumonia ...	2					2										
Pleurisy ...																
Other diseases of Respiratory organs.	2		1					1								
Alcoholism } Cirrhosis of liver }																
Venereal diseases ...																
Premature birth ..	6	6														
Diseases and accidents of parturition.																
Heart diseases ...	9		1	1	1		6									
Accidents ...	2		1			1										
Suicides ...	1					1										
All other causes ...	26															
All causes ...	72	10	4	3	3	11	15									

NOTES.—(a) In this Table all deaths of "Residents" occurring in public institutions, whether within or without the district, are to be included with the other deaths in the columns for the several age groups (columns 2-8). They are also, in columns 9-15, to be included among the deaths in their respective "Localities" according to the previous addresses of the deceased as given by the Registrars. Deaths of "Non-residents" occurring in public institutions in the district are in like manner to be excluded from columns 2-8 and 9-15 of this Table.

(b) See notes on Table I. as to the meaning of "Residents" and "Non-residents," and as to the "Public Institutions" to be taken into account for the purposes of these Tables. The "Localities" should be the same as those in Tables II. and III.

(c) All deaths occurring in public institutions situated within the district, whether of "Residents" or of "Non-residents," are, in addition to being dealt with as in note (a), to be entered in the last column of this Table. The total number in this column should equal the figures for the year in column 9, Table I.

(d) The total deaths in the several "Localities" in columns 9-15 of this Table should equal those for the year in the same localities in Table II., sub-column e. The total deaths at all ages in column 2 of this Table should equal the gross total of columns 9-15, and the figures for the year in column 12 of Table I.

(e) Under the heading of "Diarrhoea" are to be included deaths certified as from diarrhoea, alone or in combination with some other cause of ill-defined nature; and also deaths certified as from

Epidemic enteritis;
Zymotic enteritis;
Epidemic diarrhoea. Summer diarrhoea;
Dysentery and dysenteric diarrhoea;
Choleraic diarrhoea, cholera, cholera nostras
(in the absence of Asiatic cholera).

Under the heading of "Enteritis" are to be included those certified as from Gastro-enteritis, Mucous-enteritis, and Gastric catarrh, unless from information obtained by enquiry from the certifying practitioner or otherwise, the Medical Officer of Health should have reason for including such deaths, especially those of infants, under the specific term "Diarrhoea." Under the headings of "Cancer," "Phthisis" and "Puerperal fever" should be included all registered deaths from causes comprised within these general terms.

Deaths from diarrhoea secondary to some other well-defined disease should be included under the latter.

In recording the facts under the various headings of Tables I., II., III. and IV., attention has been given to the notes on the Tables.

Medical Officer of Health.

Date 1904.